

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments in General/Advisory Action/Allowed Claims

These claim amendments are in response to the Advisory Action mailed 12/30/2009. The claims submitted in response to the office action of 7/24/2009 are herein modified, because the claim modifications filed 12/14/2009 were not entered due to raising new issues. Claims 24-28 were allowed in the office action of 9/18/2009 and are unchanged in this response. Claims 29-34 have been modified in this response.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

According to the Advisory Action of 12/30/2009, Claims 29-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for the reasons noted in the office action mailed 9/18/2009. That office action notes that claims 29-34 contain subject matter not described in the specification in such as way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 29-34 as currently modified are directed toward the embodiment of the invention depicted in Figure 7. That figure shows a liner belt 166, an outer belt 206, and a duty belt 200. In paragraph 46 of the application as filed, Figure 7 is discussed. "In this embodiment, the ergonomic belt of the present invention 100 is configured for connection with a traditional type duty belt 200 such as is found in the prior art. This configuration allows the ergonomic belt

system of the present invention to be utilized as a supportive liner together with the duty belt 200 which the officer may be ordinarily more accustomed to using. In this embodiment, the connection between the duty belt 200 and the ergonomic belt 100 is provided by a strip of a hook and loop fastener such as VELCRO®”

This description of Figure 7 presents description of the ergonomic duty belt comprised of the liner belt and the outer belt used in combination with a duty belt that is attached to the outside of the ergonomic duty belt.

Conclusion

For the reasons discussed above, the applicant feels that the application is presently in condition for allowance, and requests the same.

If the Examiner feels it would advance the application to allowance or final rejection, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

DATED this 18th day February 2010.

Very respectfully,

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